

The World of Philanthropy – Present and Future

Outline agenda – Monday 15 October

12.30-13.30 Lunch / registration

13.30-14.00 Welcome

Introduction by the Resource Alliance and Rockefeller Foundation the Bellagio Initiative, key outputs from the discussions and objectives for this meeting.

14.00-15.30 Plenary: perspectives on philanthropy

Two leading thinkers from the Global North and Global South will share their perspectives on philanthropy in the present. They will also offer their reflections on what an ideal model for sustainable philanthropy may look like in the future.

This will be followed by a panel discussion exploring the key questions we need to address when thinking of the future:

- Are we working towards a shared agenda? How have the MDGs influenced our thinking and actions? Do we need another set of goals post-2015? Who is actually setting the development agenda?
- Are impact investing, market-based solutions and social entrepreneurship the answer for alleviating poverty? Where then does that leave more traditional forms of philanthropy?
- Are we being bold and innovative enough? How could we collaborate better and learn from each other to manage risk and improve impact?
- Are we willing to foster local philanthropy to reduce dependency on aid?

There will be plenty of opportunities for participants to challenge the Panel and share their own thoughts and experiences.

15.30-16.00 Tea / coffee

16.00-16.20 Presentation: new forms of collaboration

Although there is a history of partnerships being formed around poverty alleviation between the more established actors such as NGOs, foundations, bilaterals/multilaterals and corporates, how can collaboration with newer players such as venture philanthropists, impact investors, social entrepreneurs and even commercial investors increase the impact of our efforts? This short presentation will highlight some of the potential and help attendees navigate their way around this increasingly complex landscape.

- 16.20-17.30** **Group discussions: collaborating to manage risk and increase impact**
Discussions will focus on sharing experiences of collaborating between different actors (e.g. NGOs, foundations, companies, venture philanthropists, impact investors, social entrepreneurs and others), drawing out the risks taken, measures introduced to reduce risk and impact made. Drawing on their experiences, each group will then then consider what ideal models of collaboration could look like, particularly focussing on engaging with some of the newer players and how then can contribute to reducing risk and increasing impact.
- 17.30-18.00** **Feedback session: how can we work together?**
Each group will present one successful case study and one less successful one. They will also share the model they have developed for more successful collaborations in the future. This will be followed by concluding remarks from the day, including actions to take forwards.
- 19.30** **Pre-dinner drinks and dinner**

Outline agenda – Tuesday 16 October

07.00-09.00 Breakfast

09.00-09.20 Presentation: aid in a changing global landscape

The global economic landscape has evolved dramatically since 2000, creating both opportunities and threats for global philanthropy. While spending on “North-South” aid, particularly from governments, could be restricted due to the financial crisis, there are growing opportunities for local philanthropy. This short presentation will highlight some of the future scenarios for aid: being embraced as part of the new collaborations discussed in day one, working in parallel with these collaborations or being replaced by more local philanthropy.

09.20-10.00 Group discussions: global, international or local?

The group will split into three during this session:

- Those who think aid can collaborate in the new philanthropic framework will examine where aid fits in the models emerging from the previous day’s discussions and what might need to change in the current aid architecture to facilitate this.
- Those who think it cannot be part of the framework will examine why they believe aid will remain a parallel structure.
- Those who believe that there is potential for more local philanthropy will consider measures to foster local philanthropy to reduce dependency on aid.

10.00-10.30 Feedback session

The three groups will come together to share the revised models for collaboration, challenges to the role of aid in these models and measures to foster local philanthropy.

10.30-11.00 Tea / Coffee

11.00-12.00 Panel session: strategies going forward

This panel discussion will revisit some of the key issues raised earlier and consider whether we can now draw a picture of what the future of philanthropy looks like. They will also consider strategies going forwards to make this vision a reality.

12.00-12.30 Close of Forum

- Concluding remarks
- Actions to take forward for continued dialogue.